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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

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MM Docket Nos. 01-235, 01-317 and 00-244

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 11, 2003, Jonathan Blake, Jennifer Johnson and Bob Long of Covington & Burling and Mark Prak of Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, counsel for the Network Affiliated Stations Alliance ("NASA") and Maurius Schwarz and Daniel Vincent, economists for NASA and the National Association of Broadcasters ("NAB"), met with Mania Baghdadi, Paul Gallant, Marcia Glauberman, Judith Herman, Roy Stewart, Julie Salovaara and Jerry Duvall of the FCC's Media Bureau and Jonathan Levy of the FCC's Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis to discuss the joint comments filed by NASA and NAB with respect to the 35% national television ownership cap. At the meeting, NASA representatives discussed the information and positions included in their comments and reply comments in support of the 35% cap, and responded to questions from those in attendance with respect to the positions taken in those comments. The NASA and NAB economists outlined the points made in the economic reports submitted with NASA and NAB's comments and reply comments. In addition, NASA representatives and the economists discussed the information submitted by the networks in this proceeding relating to the 35% cap, making points reflected in the NASA and NAB reply comments.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, an original and eight copies of this letter (two copies for each docket number) are being submitted to the Secretary's office, with copies to those at the FCC that attended the meetings. Copies of this letter also have been provided to Linda Senecal and Qualex International.

Respectfully submitted,

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